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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed 14 December 2009, Applicants elect the invention of Group IIB (claims 92-97 and 118-122), drawn to a method of treating a disease of iron metabolism utilizing gene products of the HFE2A gene. In addition, Applicants believe that elected SEQ ID NO: 12 is applicable to claims 92-97 and 118-122.

The Commissioner is requested to charge any additional fees, or credit any refunds, to Deposit Account No. 03-0678.

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